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PATH SEALED SOFTWARE OBJECT CONDITIONAL ACCESS CONTROL

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This invention is related to ~~U.S. Patent No. _____~~ (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/651,742, filed August 30, 2000 and entitled "Resource Access Control System") (hereinafter "Meandzija I"), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. This invention is related to ~~U.S. Patent No. _____~~ (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/580,303, filed May 26, 2000 and entitled "Object and Resource Security System")
10 (hereinafter "Sprunk I"), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

15 The present invention relates to secure access systems in general, and more particularly to securing a path to information on the Internet.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

20 Cable television (TV) providers distribute video streams to subscribers by way of conditional access (CA) systems. CA systems distribute video streams from a headend of the cable TV provider to a set-top box (STB) associated with a subscriber. The headend includes hardware that receives the video streams and distributes them to the STB's within the CA system. Select STB's are allowed to decode certain video streams according to
25 entitlement information sent by the cable TV provider to the STB. In a similar way, other video program providers use satellite dishes to wirelessly distribute video content to STB's.

 Video programs are broadcast to all STB's, but only a subset of those boxes is given access to specific video programs. For example, only those that have ordered a pay-per-view boxing match are allowed to view it even though every STB may receive encrypted
30 data stream for the match. Once a user orders the pay per view program, an entitlement message is broadcast in encrypted form to all STB's. Only the particular STB for which the entitlement message is intended can decrypt it. Inside the decrypted entitlement message is a key that will decrypt the pay per view program. With that key, the STB decrypts the pay-per-